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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate as the East regrouped from the hurricane by meeting fill-in needs and assessing market conditions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were tight and continued to clear well. Dark meat was in balance to close for thigh meat, and breast items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/22/03-09/26/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>					
Bos/New Eng	59.00-64.00	61.67	15	63.81	30
Chicago	55.00-58.00	58.27	41	60.65	78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	61.03	30
Denver	73.50	73.50	16	69.74	23
Detroit	56.00-57.00	58.55	11	62.46	44
Los Angeles	74.00	71.62	68	68.21	165
New York	59.50-62.00	61.68	22	62.82	56
Philadelphia	59.00-61.00	60.55	10	59.80	20
Pittsburgh	60.00-62.00	60.40	10	63.48	58
St. Louis	58.00-58.25	57.61	24	58.57	48
San Francisco	74.50	72.95	31	77.88	54

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/22/03	Change/Last Wk	09/15/03	09/23/02
606	64.59	0.32	64.27	54.83

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	62.00-64.00	62.96	28
Central	58.00-65.50	63.32	69
West	55.00-63.00	61.55	39
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	67.00-69.00	68.50	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,157	55.00-71.50	67.65

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.50	1,440
BREASTS - B/S	193.00	5,325
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.50	1,958
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.00	993
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	9,246
WINGS	85.50	3,050

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about moderate to moderate following the weekend as dealers look to keep orders in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were in good balance and clearing. Other items were generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand following the weekend was light to fair with limited features, food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders continued to move well with supplies close to tight. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared, and breast items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with trading reported on new negotiations at unchanged to somewhat lower prices and regular commitments at generally unchanged prices. Offerings in close balance to adequate overall. Buying activity was fairly good. Retailer demand was moderate to good best where features planned for later in the week. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-32.5 and 4/10s 32-37, breast bone-in 91-99 and boneless 174-180, wings 86-87, boneless leg meat 76-78, boneless thigh mainly 78, drumsticks 36-49. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 57.12 down .43 from with the volume reported at 29 loads down 3 percent last weeks' level.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority delivered prices this week were generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were limited for the cautious trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful. Weights were desirable. Offerings of all parts were generally in balance; large wings, thigh meat and tenders remained tight. The market tone was steady to firm on large wings, thigh meat and tenders, and steady on all other parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate with buyers looking to keep receipts in close balance with immediate needs and sellers attempting to regroup and meet fill-in needs disrupted by Hurricane Isabel. Offerings were generally adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate and in generally good balance. Bone-in breasts were fully adequate and some deboning was behind schedule.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	60-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.79
NO. OF BOXES	10,378

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklotbuying activity was light to fair as dealers assess market conditions in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel. Offerings of wings and tenders were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Other items were mostly adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was unsettled.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT	WTD	AVG	VOLUME
					LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	173.33	359,700		
TENDERLOINS	165	168.29	99,400		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	90.47	276,480		
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	88.77	106,760		
LEGS	38-39	39.01	278,760		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.42	300,653		
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	37.56	100,800		
THIGHS	28-29	38.45	54,760		
B/S THIGHS	84-85	85.75	77,320		
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	83.98	117,560		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	33,960		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	32.74	11,240		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	47.54	16,280		

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	700	158.00-215.00	170-175	175.55
TENDERLOINS	482	147.00-213.00	150-174	156.52
BREAST - WITH RIBS	239	84.00-102.00	84-85	87.16
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	261	26.00-28.00	26	26.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,784	27.00-29.00	27-28	27.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	128	66.00-78.00	68-72	69.34
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,002	23.00-32.00	31	30.36

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/22	09/18	09/18	09/15	09/11
ALA	4,108	4,078	5.16	4,057	5.12
ARK	5,430	5,338	5.03	5,294	4.99
DELMARVA	2,363	1,048	5.07	2,292	5.37
KY-LA-TN	1,727	2,029	4.85	1,976	4.83
MISS	3,047	3,023	5.20	3,024	5.17
NC	2,438	1,807	6.46	2,415	6.14
TEXAS	2,365	2,515	4.91	2,513	4.84
TOTAL	21,478	19,838	5.18	21,571	5.18
MON	21,478 (A)			21,571 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Sep 2003 is estimated to be 32,133,000 down 0.73 percent from a week ago and up 0.84 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,369,000 last year 31,864,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	874	160.00-238.00	162-168	165.69
TENDERLOINS	236	165.00-216.00	165-170	173.56
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	92.00-103.00	94-95	95.48
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	31.00-53.00	34-35	35.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	683	25.50-30.00	26-27	26.82
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	920	27.50-34.00	29-30	30.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	85	78.00-81.00	-	79.24
WINGS (CUT)	809	84.00-101.00	86-92	88.34
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	28	53.00-59.00	-	57.29
B/S THIGHS	95	86.00-94.00	-	90.21

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.25 - 58.00	55.50	55.80

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF SEP 22-SEP 26, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	166.00-187.00	170.00-180.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	88.00-112.00	88.00- 97.00
LEGS	38.00- 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00- 31.00	28.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00- 45.00	-
THIGHS	29.00- 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	69.00- 89.00	71.00-75.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00- 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00- 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00- 45.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86-87
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-94
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600-625

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

#### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	101-103
ICE PACK	100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	89-105
ICE PACK	105
HENS OVER 5#	91
ICE PACK	89
DUCKS	152-175

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

19-SEPT-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25-22.00	17.00	972,000	772,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.12	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-30.00	11.00-16.00	2,672,000	912,000
WTD AVERAGE	24.80	12.60		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	41,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offering were fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Supplies of finished product were clearing and reported as sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.26
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

19-SEPT-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	12.50-13.00	213,600	80,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.51	12.66		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.75-21.50	11.00-17.00	2,511,800	1,044,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.86	14.02		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal and provided adequate supplies for a measured finished product call. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.5	8-8.75	8.46

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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